

KEY BENEFITS

Statewide, seamless governmental information results in enhanced:

- Efficiencies** - duplication in data reporting is reduced
- Timeliness** - information is available to respond to emerging issues
- Trust** - information is complete and accurate
- Accountability** - the results of taxpayer investments are communicated
- Knowledge** - citizens have a better understanding of government spending and services

NEXT STEPS

Over the 2003-05 biennium, the Statewide Information Coordination Consortium will:

- Work with transportation and public safety stakeholders to create information that is meaningful to citizens and decision makers
- Standardize or translate data elements and systems so they can talk to each other
- Work with state and local governments to eliminate duplication in data reporting
- Design a neutral home for enterprise coordination
- Develop a website portal with access to enterprise information and coordination tools

REALIZING THE VISION

The Statewide Information Coordination Consortium is a resource that helps state and local governments collaboratively transform data into relevant and seamless statewide information.

The Consortium promotes:

- Removing Barriers** - identify and resolve barriers to information coordination
- Comparing Apples** - promote collection of comparable state and local data
- Seamless Views** - facilitate views of statewide government services
- Accessibility** - provide easy access to information that supports analysis and decision making
- Tools** - provide guidelines, tools, and model frameworks that aid information coordination efforts
- Building on Lessons Learned** - share coordination best practices and leverage resources

Membership of the Statewide Information Coordination Consortium is presently comprised of the Office of Financial Management, the Department of Information Services, the Association of Washington Cities, the State Auditor's Office, the Washington Finance Officers Association, and the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee.

Additional information on the Consortium is available on the Internet at:

<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/special/sdci.asp>.

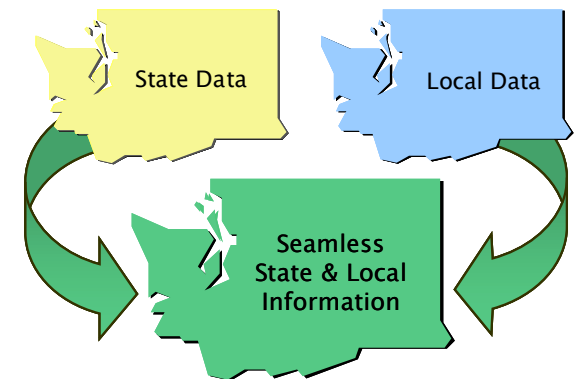
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STATEWIDE INFORMATION COORDINATION INITIATIVE

A consortium of Washington state and local governments

Better Information for Better Decisions

State and local governments bringing together information necessary to make decisions and demonstrate governmental accountability



"When people want to interact with government, they don't know all the different divisions, forms, and layers. They don't know that something is the responsibility of a city, county or state, [or] hybrid forms of government."

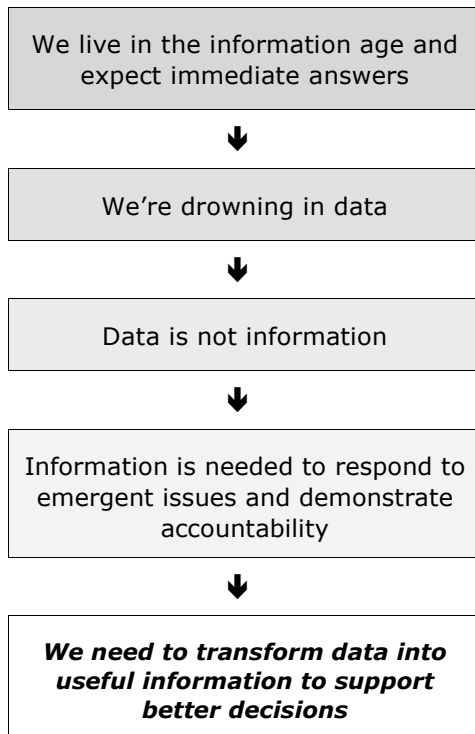
Governor Locke

THE PROBLEM

Government as a whole must do a better job communicating the relationship between the cost and value of public services (results) in terms that are meaningful to citizens.

125 state agencies, 39 counties, 281 cities and towns, and thousands of special purpose districts and non-profits provide governmental services to the citizens of Washington State. Lines of accountability are not clear, and the masses of data generated are often not useful beyond the needs of individual jurisdictions or agencies (silos.) Lack of consistency and comparability of data make communicating government results a challenge.

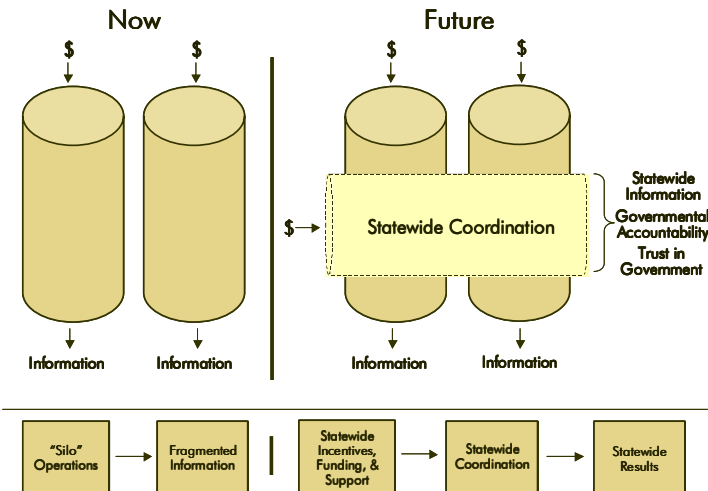
An increasing demand exists for “enterprise” or statewide information that leads to governmental accountability.



THE SOLUTION

What's needed? A culture shift that enables cross-governmental information and accountability.

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How do we get there? The Statewide Information Coordination Consortium is a catalyst for enabling change in the following areas:

- **Underlying Infrastructure** – move away from managing solely to individual budgets toward managing for statewide outcomes
- **Enterprise Resource** – create a support function that assists statewide information coordination
- **Leadership** – develop cross-governmental governance and funding

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Now is a good time to promote the culture shift because:

Need

- Government leaders and the public are not content with fragmented information
- Budget pressures necessitate coordination, the demonstration of value, and elimination of redundancies
- Critical public services, such as transportation and public safety, require enterprise information coordination

Climate

- The federal government enterprise architecture is a model for a seamless federal government
- The Governor's "Priorities of Government" approach to budgeting supports a state enterprise perspective
- Local governments are investigating ways to articulate "core services" and priorities of government
- State, local, and federal governments want to align their efforts to better communicate and serve their common client...the citizen.

Technology

- The technology is available to support information coordination and improve accessibility to information